



### Norlington School and 6th Form

Wisdom is Strength

## Vision

Our vision for Norlington School and 6th Form is to be recognised as a world class leader in Education, ensuring every student is ready to take up the challenges and acknowledge the opportunities the 21st Century has to offer.

Our vision is established through five key aims:

- To develop outstanding **Leaders** across the school
- To guide our students to achieve exceptional Academic Performance
- To provide outstanding Learning Experiences for every student
- To ensure every student has access to high quality Enrichment activities
- To be the **School of Choice** for boys for the local community.



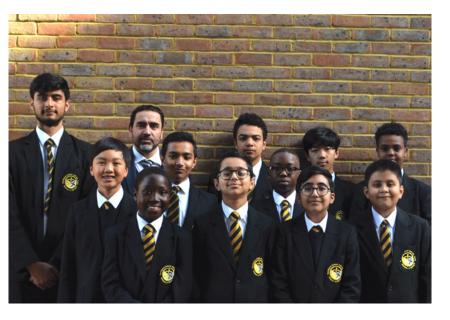
# Welcome to Norlington School and 6<sup>th</sup> form

### Principal's Welcome

I am very proud to welcome you to Norlington School and 6th Form. I am conscious that choosing the right school for your son is not easy. Hence, by reading this prospectus and attending events such as our Open Evening, you will see Norlington as the school of choice for your son.

As an II-16 boys school, with an academically focused mixed 6th form, Norlington has exceptionally high standards for every individual. We believe every student is capable of accomplishing remarkable things and we work intensely to ensure that each student has every opportunity to develop as leaders and gentlemen. We endeavour to support your son to realise and exceed his potential by providing an environment where he feels challenged to achieve, yet safe and supported as a member of the Norlington Family.

The school's motto 'Wisdom is Strength' is central to our commitment to you and more importantly, your son, throughout his time here. As he matures into a young man, one who is ready to embark on various challenges and recognise the opportunities of the 21st Century, we strive to develop the skills, knowledge and values that will allow him to choose the right path throughout his life.



Mr Juan Hernandez Principal

## Leadership

The development of outstanding leaders is at the centre of Norlington School's ambitions for all its students and staff. We aim to provide every student with the training, guidance and coaching to become leaders, ready to take up challenges and realise the opportunities of the 21st Century. Through the learning process of knowing, understanding, applying and developing, leadership skills are established around the key areas of:

- Moral, social and ethical leadership
- Community/charitable leadership
- Coaching skills
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Being ready for an emergency
- Self Reflection

As part of the overall learning experience, students are offered a wide range of opportunities to develop leadership skills including:

- Leadership Awards
- Year 7 Leadership Camp
- Years 8-10 Wales residential trip
- Annual Ski Trip to Switzerland
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Charity Work
- Public Speaking and Debate Challenges
- First Aid Award
- Student Ambassadors
- School Council
- Environmental Council and Eco Schools team





# Norlington School is committed to developing every student's skills and knowledge, ensuring each achieves exceptional academic outcomes.

# Outstanding Academic Performance

Norlington School has a proven track record of achieving exceptional GCSE results. Norlington School was recognised as one of the fastest improving schools in the country and has since, recorded results in the top 4% nationally.

Norlington has been recognised consistently in the top 100 schools nationally by successive Ministers of State for Schools, been one of the top 5 boys' schools nationally and been inducted into the Mayor of London's Gold Club for high achieving schools in the capital.

We are extremely proud that all our students, regardless of ability, ethnic group or social background, make exceptional progress. At Norlington we live our school motto 'We learn together, enjoy together and achieve together'.

Our English, Mathematics, Science, Languages, Humanities, Technology and Computing departments regularly achieve in the top 10% of schools nationally.

The school continues to drive towards further outstanding academic success for all its students by aiming to be the highest performing school in London, being recognised nationally and internationally for its achievements.

Norlington School's commitment to every student achieving outstanding academic results is built upon exceptional teaching and the commitment of our staff, high quality student learning experiences and an individualised target setting approach. Each student is set academic targets which are reviewed every six weeks - developing students' ability to take personal responsibility for success.

We recognise the importance of parental support and working in partnership to ensure your son achieves outstanding results. We aim to keep you informed about your son's progress through a wide range of communication and information tools which includes:

- Three / four progress reports a year
- Three Parent/Teacher events per year group, every year
- Parent/Head of Year meetings where concerns over performance are identified
- Six-week curriculum sheets in student books, available on the school website, to ensure you are aware of all that your son will be studying
- Student diaries
- Online homework information

Norlington School is a stepping stone towards your son's future and we provide a comprehensive range of opportunities to prepare him for his next steps, whether it be part of our 6th Form, a local college or apprenticeship.

## Student Learning Experiences

"The wide range of subjects on offer provides topics that encourage engagement, interaction, reflection and in most lessons the mathematics specialism is evident in the wealth of numeracy activities and mathematical terminology that are continuously discussed" OFSTED

At Norlington, we are committed to providing personalised pathways to all our boys, through a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum.

To ensure we are able to deliver exceptional learning opportunities to 'Every student, All the time', a staff development programme focused on outstanding Teaching and Learning is built into the academic year.

Performance in both Key Stages is monitored rigorously and supported by teams focused on academic performance. Six week tracking and monitoring of students' progress is central to our

success as we promote excellence in academic standards for all.

This close monitoring enables us to plan interventions and provide additional support to students where there is a required need.

Students are further supported in developing their thinking and learning through a wide range of enrichment opportunities outside the classroom such as those planned on Learning Outside the Box Days.

### Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

Students complete a broad, sequenced and rigorous key stage 3 curriculum. They study a variety of subjects in which they enjoy excellent learning experiences. Our Key Stage 3 curriculum also provides great preparation for GCSE Study in Key stage 4.

The progress of all students in fundamental to us – that is why we have an assessment framework that ensures all students know where they are successful and are given incisive feedback to strengthen the areas where they are not.

Throughout Years 7 to 8 your son will study;

English	Art
Maths	Drama
Science	Religious
A Foriegn	Education
Languagege -	Design and
French	Technology
History	ICT
Geography	PE
Music	PSHE and
	Citizenship

### Key Stage 4 (Years 9 - 11)

To ensure students make the right choices at GCSE, we provide comprehensive guidance on Key Stage 4 curriculum options. We allocate 1:1 interviews with senior staff for students and parents, organise meetings with a qualified Careers Advisor for all students, provide subject specific assemblies and ensure that every student has the opportunity to experience taster KS4 lessons.

Key Stage 4 core subjects comprise of English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education and Physical Education.

All students currently have a further four option choices.

Key Stage 4 students may choose from the following options:

Art	History
<b>Computer Science</b>	Languages -
Drama	French or Urdu
Design and	Music
Technology	<b>Physical Education</b>
Geography	Photography
History	Triple Science



# Norlington School is committed to ensuring every student has access to high quality enrichment activities across all areas of the school and the wider community.

# Enrichment and Wider Opportunities to Achieve

Norlington School is not only proud of its Academic achievements but also the importance and emphasis it provides to its Enrichment programmes. We focus on ensuring all our students have to opportunities to engage fully with high-quality activities, trips, clubs and events that develop personal, academic, artistic and social skills which broaden their minds and develop self-efficacy. Whether it is enrichment events or engagement in competitions, Norlington students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of academic, sporting, musical, dramatic, artistic and cultural experiences throughout their time at the school.

#### Sport

The school has a rich sporting tradition with teams achieving Borough, County and London wide success in a range of sports including: cricket, football, basketball, table tennis, athletics and volleyball.

Alongside regular sporting fixtures, visits are organised to attend and watch events such as U21 National Football Team, County and Test Cricket Matches, Wimbledon and wheelchair tennis, The BBL championship finals and many more. The school also has strong working partnerships with Leyton Orient Football Club and Essex County Cricket Club who is now a future partner for our 6th form Cricket Academy.

#### Music and Drama

Outside of normal lessons, Every student has the option to partake in peripatetic instrumental tuition. There are regular opportunities to engage with musical and dramatic experiences through a variety of clubs and productions where they have the opportunity to perform for audiences at concerts, productions and celebration events.

#### Art and Design & Technology

Regular clubs focusing on Design and technology, Photography, Sculpture and Artistic skills provide opportunities for students to develop their knowledge and abilities, sharing their efforts through school-based exhibitions and events. In order to develop the designers and engineers of the future, students are led on architectural walks around London's cultural, historical and financial hotspots to broaden their understanding and appreciation of the city we live in.

### **Visits and School Journeys**

Every student has the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of out of school trips and experiences. These include the annual skiing trip, a residential Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Leadership experience, university trips, an annual cricket tour and five Learning Outside the Box days which also involve a range of activities, including a visit to at least one gallery, museum, achitectual walk and theatre trip every year.

"The range of opportunities is wide, including theatre and museum visits. Leaders organise regular 'drop-down' (non-timetabled) days in the arts and culture. Pupils are also encouraged to involve themselves in a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer. Pupils typically said that they had been on extra-curricular trips, including some residential visits. Sixth-form students are offered additional music and sports, including skiing".

Ofsted's View of Norlington Enrichment activities.

# School of Choice for the Local Community



'The behaviour of pupils around the school is calm and orderly. The pupils enjoy being part of the school community. Sixth-form students said that they were proud of their school and they value the support they receive from staff.'

'School leaders ensure that the policies and procedures for keeping pupils safe are robust and effective.'

'Attendance ... is above the national average and the number of pupils who are persistently absent is falling. This is the result of effective action being taken by the school.'

'There is no doubt that published GCSE examination results are stronger.'

"...pupils have good opportunities to build on and develop their prior knowledge."

'Teachers provide most-able pupils with strong challenge. Leaders ensure that these pupils are introduced to learning materials before lessons through homework.'

Ofsted's view of Norlington School



## Norlington 6<sup>th</sup> Form

### Raising Aspirations - A Centre for Excellence



Norlington's 6th Form continues the high standards of teaching, learning and personal development that has made us one of the most successful schools in the country. We are committed to ensuring our students have everything they need to access the top universities in the country.

We pride ourselves on providing a personalised 6th Form experience that offers exceptional support within a safe and caring environment, ensuring students develop the skills, knowledge and personal responsibility they need to take up for the opportunities of the 21st Century.

We offer a range of A level and CTEC level 3 courses, with a focus on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) where students take three or four subjects of their choice. Detailed advice and guidance is provided to every student to ensure they choose subjects which best suit their skills and abilities, as well as preparing them for university degrees or a particular career path.

Our 6th Formers will gain access to outstanding enrichment activities that develop their intellectual, physical and cultural experiences as well as challenging them to become leaders within the school and local and wider community. This includes scuba diving, skiing, extensive work experience, personal fitness and well-being programmes, university and cultural visits. In partnership with Essex County Cricket Club, our Sixth Form Cricket Academy provides an elite cricket player development programme for both boys and girls.

By joining Norlington School and 6th Form, your son will be at the beginning of a seven year journey that will guide him to become an ambitious, responsible, motivated and successful citizen of the 21st century.





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